



# Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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**Regular Meeting | Wednesday, April 24, 2013 | 9:30 AM**

## Summary of Commission Meeting

Location: Paul D. Coverdell Legislation Office Building, Room 606, 18 Capitol Square SW, Atlanta, GA 30334

### **PRESENT:**

#### Commission Members:

Kevin Abernethy, Chair  
Hillary Stringfellow, Vice Chair  
Kent Alexander, Commission Member  
Heath Garrett, Commission Member (via telephone)  
Dennis Cathey, Commission Member

#### Commission Staff Present:

Holly LaBerge, Executive Secretary  
Elisabeth Murray-Obertein, Staff Attorney

#### Office of the Attorney General Staff Present:

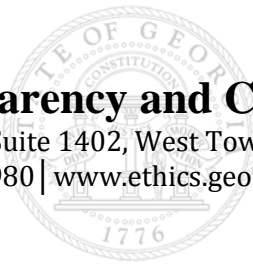
Stefan Ritter, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Kim Beal, Assistant Attorney General

### **SUMMARY OF SUBJECTS ACTED UPON:**

Subject	Summary
Meeting Called to Order	Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM.
Opening Comments of the Chair	Comments reserved for later in meeting due to length of agenda.
Commission Meeting Minutes	Minutes of the November 16, 2012 Commission meeting were approved.
Executive Session	Entered into executive session to discuss pending litigation.
Advisory Opinions	The following Advisory Opinions were adopted by the Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2013-01 was amended and adopted</li><li>• 2013-02 was adopted</li></ul>
Late Fee Appeals	Peter Adams, Lobbyist appeal of \$275.00 late fee, which he already paid. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commission granted waiver of fee; however, the Commission will not refund the paid fee. Mr. Adams will need to deal with the appropriate state office to attempt to receive his \$275.00 back from the state coffers.</li></ul>
Compliance and Consent Orders	Commission approved the compliance order regarding the following complaint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the Matter of Patricia Langford Case No. 2011-0015</li></ul> Commission approved the consent orders regarding the following complaints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the Matter of Steve A. Taylor Case No. 2012-0024</li><li>• In the Matter of Brian Tam Case No. 2012-0027</li></ul>

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Compliance and Consent Orders <i>continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the Matter of John Pezold, Jr. Case No. 2012-0034</li><li>• In the Matter of Floyd County Tax Watch and Charles Patterson Case No. 2012-0012</li><li>• In the Matter of Carla Roberts, M.D. Case No. 2012-0039</li><li>• In the Matters of Jeff Thomas Case Nos. 2012-0026 and 2012-0035</li><li>• In the Matter of Deray Fincher Case No. 2008-0065a</li><li>• In the Matter of Robert C. Thomas Case No. 2012-0028, , 2012-0036 and 2012-0037</li></ul>
Preliminary Hearings	<p>Commission heard the following preliminary hearings and moved as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the Matter of Cherokee Tea Party Patriots – Conrad Quaglioroli Case No. 2012-0031 Moved to enter into a compliance order.</li><li>• In the Matter of Citizen’s Review &amp; Recommendation Committee – Carolyn Cosby Case No. 2012-0032 Moved that probable cause exists and referred case to Attorney General with the caveat that Carolyn Cosby is removed from the complaint.</li><li>• In the Matter of Canton Tea Party Patriots – Carolyn Cosby Case No. 2012-0033 Moved that probable cause exists and referred case to Attorney General.</li><li>• In the Matter of Karen Handel Case No. 2010-0044 and 2010-0045 Moved to enter into a compliance order.</li><li>• In the Matter of Karen Handel Case No. 2010-0046 Moved to assess late fees.</li><li>• In the Matter of Karen Handel Case No. 2010-0050 Moved to dismiss case.</li><li>• In the Matter of Victor Keith Hill Case No. 2011-0006 Moved that probable cause exists and referred case to Attorney General.</li></ul>
Report of the Executive Secretary	<p>Executive Secretary updated Commission on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FY13 Amended and FY14 budget</li><li>• Bills passed during session</li><li>• Personnel</li><li>• Courtesy notices</li></ul>
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 2:26 PM.